



## Civilian Police Advisory Board Study Committee - Minutes

Date: March 7, 2022

Time: 7:00 PM

Location: Conducted by Remote Participation

### **Attendance**

Karen Bishop	p
Anne Brown	p
Michael Brownstein	
Elliot Elkin	p
Kerrie Fallon	p
Julie Flaherty*	p
Laura Gitelson	p
Jillian Harvey*	p

Doug Heim*	p
Carlos Morales	p
Mona Mohtadi	
Sanjay Newton	l
Bob Radochia	p
Kathy Rogers	p
Clarissa Rowe	
Susan Ryan-Vollmar	p

\* - non-voting member | p - present  
l - late

### **Agenda**

The meeting was called to order at 7:05pm

There was a brief zoom-bombing at the outset of the meeting, which was quickly dealt with.

1. Recap of Select Board meeting and discussion of changes the SB made to bylaw language - Doug Heim

(Doug Heim) recapped the hearing held at the last Select Board Meeting. He shared that the Select Board praised this committee for its thoroughness and thoughtfulness. Doug also shared that the Select Board discussed making some changes to our proposal for the purposes of recommending positive action. The most significant change discussed was whether certain categories of current or former law enforcement should be precluded from serving. The

Select Board did discuss whether there was even likely to be a member of law enforcement nominated by any of the nominating bodies. He expects that the Select Board will discuss tonight a final version which would allow former police officers from other communities to serve, as well as people who are not municipal police officers, but could be considered law enforcement in some contexts. Examples could include being a district attorney, a prison guard or a state trooper. Doug also mentioned that there was a change to the charge to include commendations, as well as minor adjustment to clarify the definition of a law enforcement officer for the bylaw.

(Doug Heim) explained the process from here. The language that the Select Board approves will be the default action in front of Town Meeting. Town Meeting members could put in an amendment or a substitute motion. Doug mentions that the Select Board presents all of the articles under their purview, but is usually willing to yield time to a group like this committee to present, if we would like a representative to explain our recommendation. Doug has suggested that our memo to the Select Board be included in the reference material. The Select Board's report will be their own separate comment.

At this point Doug needed to leave for the Select Board meeting.

(Laura Gitelson) mentioned that the Select Board also appreciated the amount of communication that happened from this committee's members back to their other committees and commissions. It was very good that everyone was so well informed.

## 2. Updates from committees/constituencies

(Susan Ryan-Vollmar) - LGBTQIA+ Rainbow Commission - will meet next week and our work is on the agenda

(Carlos Morales) - Envision Arlington Diversity Task Group - will meet next week and our work is on the agenda

(Kathy Roghers) - Human Rights Commission - will meet next week and our work is on the agenda

(Elliot Elkin/Mona Mohtadi) - Arlington High School

(Michael Brownstein) - Envision Arlington Standing Committee

(Anne Brown) - Council on Aging - will meet next week and our work is on the agenda

(Karen Bishop) - Board of Youth Services - will meet next week and our work is on the agenda

(Kerrie Fallon) - Disability Commission - noted that the commission is providing feedback on parks update.

## 3. Discussion of final report - Susan Ryan-Vollmar

(Susan Ryan-Vollmar) shares that the final report will stick very close to the memo that the co-chairs sent to the Select Board ahead of the Article hearing.

The goal is to provide a draft one week ahead of our April meeting to give people time to review before a final vote in April. Susan will solicit help and input from Kathy before that.

(Kerrie Fallon) had a question about whether we needed to call out the kinds of accommodations that the commission might need to provide to anyone coming forward. For example, ASL translation or allowing support persons to be present.

(Susan Ryan-Vollmar) notes that we don't need to include this in the bylaw itself, but expects the commission - if created - would be proactive about such issues. We can include language about this in the final report.

4. Approve minutes from prior meetings

Vote: to approve minutes from the February 15 meeting

Approved Unanimously

5. Planning for Town Meeting - Laura Gitelson

(Laura Gitelson) The Town Election is Saturday, April 2nd. There will be more Town Meeting Members up for election than usual because of re-precincting. Susan and Laura will keep track of the schedule of precinct meetings and will attempt to arrange coverage across those meetings to answer questions from Town Meeting Members and other residents at those meetings. If anyone is interested in covering the precinct meetings, they can contact the co-chairs.

(Elizabeth Dray) asked about the changes that the Select Board discussed at the hearing.

(Laura Gitelson) clarified that the committee hasn't taken that up yet.

6. Adjourn

Vote: to adjourn at 7:30pm

Approved Unanimously